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18.	Mizoram	26,783
19.	Nagaland	30,907
20.	Orissa	4,999,104
21.	Punjab	1,489,861
22.	Rajasthan	2,523,719
23.	Sikkim	17,000
24.	Tamil Nadu	8,637,630
25.	Tripura	276,132
26.	Uttar Pradesh	13,400,911
27.	Uttaranchal	259,683
28.	West Bengal	7,362,957
29.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5,169
30.	Chandigarh	563
31.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	14,715
32.	Daman & Diu	1,323
33.	Delhi	15,773
34.	Lakhsadweep	-
35.	Pondicherry	72,251
	INDIA*	106,775,330

*NOTE: India and Manipur figures exclude Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul sub-divs. of Senapati District in Manipur State as census results were cencelled due to administrative and technical reasons.

Reform of employment exchanges

3186. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the last fifteen years, the number of educated youth registering with employment exchanges has decreased drastically;

(b) the number of annual registrations with employment exchanges across the country along with the number of placements made during the last five years, year-wise;

(c) whether Government are contemplating any steps to reform the institution of employment exchanges; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDERA SEKHAR RAO): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Year-wise Registrations and Placements effected by the employment exchanges in the country during the last 5 years were as given below.

(In thousands)

Year	Number of Registrations made	Number of placements effected
2000	6041.9	177.7
2001	5552.6	169.2
2002	5064.0	142.6
2003	5462.9	154.9
2004	5373.0	132.6

(c) and (d) The Employment Exchanges function under the administrative and financial control of the respective State Governments/ Union Territory Administration. They provide employment assistance, career counseling and vocational guidance to the job seekers, collect Employment market information and perform other related functions depending upon the local needs and the available infrastructure.

The Government have been making efforts time and again to improve functioning of employment exchanges through the process of modernization of Employment Exchanges through computerization.

Absorption of Contract Employees

3187. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many workers are employed for a very long time on contract basis with contractors especially with Government departments;

(b) if so, whether Government propose for permanent absorption of contract employees in those departments;